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**From:** Elliott, Ross [Elliott.Ross@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 3/31/2021 3:23:38 AM  
**To:** Picardi, Rick [Picardi.Rick@epa.gov]  
**CC:** Huggins, Richard [Huggins.Richard@epa.gov]; Beasley, Lynn [Beasley.Lynn@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: OLEM FY 22 Budget Hearing Fact Sheets

These are I believe put into a briefing book for the Administrator to have handy when participating in budget hearings. He may get asked anything by anyone not necessarily budget related, and needs to be ready. Not sure Basel ratification is ripe for the Administrator to start discussing...but if asked, I assume he has a "I'll have to get back to you on that" response.

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**From:** Picardi, Rick <Picardi.Rick@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 30, 2021 6:43 PM  
**To:** Elliott, Ross <Elliott.Ross@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Huggins, Richard <Huggins.Richard@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: OLEM FY 22 Budget Hearing Fact Sheets

Ross

I've attached the updated the Basel fact sheet. I had updated it at the request of OCIR.

I'm not clear on the purpose of the facts sheets. I'm not sure this is the right Basel fact sheet anymore but maybe it is.

Should the Basel fact sheet now be on Basel ratification rather than mostly on the Basel plastic scrap amendments and OECD plastic scrap negotiations?

Thanks  
Rick Picardi  
703-341-9962

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**Subject:** FW: OLEM FY 22 Budget Hearing Fact Sheets  
**Importance:** High

Hi guys, I'm not sure but am guessing you have not seen these yet (just the two for us)? Probably not, Lynn sent them Monday and they are due COB Tuesday (today). I will look them over before I head out in the morning and would just ask that you take a quick look and flag anything back to me that you think should be updated that I probably would miss. Thanks and sorry for the quick turn around. They look pretty short.

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**From:** Beasley, Lynn <Beasley.Lynn@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 30, 2021 5:36 PM  
**To:** Crossland, Andy <Crossland.Andy@epa.gov>; Elliott, Ross <Elliott.Ross@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: OLEM FY 22 Budget Hearing Fact Sheets  
**Importance:** High

Hi Ross – reminding you that I need these as soon as possible.

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**Sent:** Monday, March 29, 2021 12:52 PM  
**To:** OLEM ORCR DDS <[OLEMORCRDDS@epa.gov](mailto:OLEMORCRDDS@epa.gov)>  
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DDs/ADDs,

Please review your fact sheets, make any edits in track changes, and return to me by COB tomorrow (Tuesday 3/30/21). I have renamed the fact sheets to identify the Division that each belongs in. If I erred in the renaming, please let me know.

Below is guidance on the fact sheets to keep in mind as you edit. Hopefully, you won't have too many edits.

## Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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**Format Reminder:** Prepare the document using Microsoft Word. The font is Times New Roman 12-point, except for the footers, which are in 8-point. Use portrait page style with 1-inch margins. Eliminate this reminder in your submissions.

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**Sent:** 3/18/2021 7:34:42 PM  
**To:** OLEM ORCR IO [OLEMORCRIO@epa.gov]; Crossland, Andy [Crossland.Andy@epa.gov]; Elliott, Ross [Elliott.Ross@epa.gov]  
**CC:** Keller, Melanie [Keller.Melanie@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** FW: FOR ORCR input; Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Follow Up Qs re: Basel Conversation -- seeking approval to forward response  
**Attachments:** Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) staff question on plastics and RCRA\_answer\_draft\_9.2.20.doc; Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)  
**Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

Hi all

Here's what we pulled together last Fall. I suggest that this be the basis for what we send to; Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Thanks  
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**From:** Picardi, Rick  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 2, 2020 9:15 AM  
**To:** Kathleen Salyer (Salyer.Kathleen@epa.gov) <Salyer.Kathleen@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** ORCR IO <ORCR\_IO@epa.gov>; Crossland, Andy <Crossland.Andy@epa.gov>; Elliott, Ross <Elliott.Ross@epa.gov>  
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Kathleen

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) sent EPA and State four questions about the Basel Convention – see immediately below.

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The first two questions are for the State Department but the third question is a joint EPA/State question and the fourth question is an OLEM question.

I've attached a draft answer to question #4.

## Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

**Do you have any comments on the draft answer to question #4? Are you OK with me sharing the draft answer and the draft Administration bill files with Melanie Keller for sharing with OCIR and coordination with State?**

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks  
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Thanks Rick. Please go ahead and send it up.

--Andy

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**Sent:** Tuesday, September 1, 2020 5:48 PM  
**To:** Crossland, Andy <[Crossland.Andy@epa.gov](mailto:Crossland.Andy@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Elliott, Ross <[Elliott.Ross@epa.gov](mailto:Elliott.Ross@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** FW: FOR ORCR input Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Follow Up Qs re: Basel Conversation -- seeking review of answer

Andy

I've attached the revised answer to question #4 Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Are you OK with this answer? **Would you like to send the draft answer to Kathleen or would you like me to do that?**

For background, the e-mail with the questions Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) is at the bottom of this e-mail chain.

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As we discussed, here's the revised response #4 for Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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**To:** Crossland, Andy <Crossland.Andy@epa.gov>; Elliott, Ross <Elliott.Ross@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: FOR ORCR input: Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Follow Up Qs re: Basel Conversation -- seeking review of answer

Andy and Ross

I've attached my stab at an answer to question #4 Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Do you have any comments?

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**From:** Keller, Melanie <Keller.Melanie@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 31, 2020 12:04 PM  
**To:** Picardi, Rick <Picardi.Rick@epa.gov>  
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Hi Rick,

Thank you for participating on last Thursday's call with the State Dept and Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) and Senate Foreign Relations.

Please see below for the follow-up questions that we received.

If you would, please provide some recommendations about how to proceed with answering these questions -- from EPA's perspective. If we have the institutional knowledge but State should be the lead, we can draft a response for them to review. #3 (re: draft legislation) gets at the concerns from Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) who wanted EPA to provide past documents on Basel. Please let me know if there is anything that is able to be shared. I know from previous conversations with you that a lot of the Administration bills never were finalized and/or are now obsolete.

Can you provide some feedback on how to proceed with a joint EPA/State response by tomorrow morning, please? We have more time to put together the actual response but I wanted to let OCIR a plan asap.

Thank you so much,  
Melanie

**Melanie C. Keller**

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**Sent:** Monday, August 31, 2020 11:56 AM  
**To:** Keller, Melanie <[Keller.Melanie@epa.gov](mailto:Keller.Melanie@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Follow Up Qs re: Basel Conversation

Hi Melanie,

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) (who requested/led Thursday's call) sent us and State some follow-up questions from the call. They are most interested in the response to the first questions as they have received a number of industry questions about the Basel amendments. I have a message into my State counterpart on how to coordinate, but I haven't heard back yet. Can you check with Rick/ORCR on thoughts on how to coordinate? Thanks.

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**To:** Keller, Melanie [Keller.Melanie@epa.gov]  
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Thank you,  
Melanie

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Thanks so much!

-Melanie

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Let's discuss how to follow-up.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, March 24, 2021 7:17 AM  
**To:** Picardi, Rick <Picardi.Rick@epa.gov>  
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Ok. Sounds good. OCIR can wait for us to have a complete package. Thanks.

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On Mar 23, 2021, at 16:46, Picardi, Rick <[Picardi.Rick@epa.gov](mailto:Picardi.Rick@epa.gov)> wrote:

I don't have a summary of what happened in Basel and the OECD on plastic scrap export and import requirements. I have a bunch of papers, similar to the fact sheet, which are a status of where we were at a certain time (all of which are now out-of-date), but nothing that sums everything up. I'd have to write that which I can do. I would need to run it through my management.

This afternoon I sent my management a draft briefing paper on Basel ratification. Once Andy, and then Carolyn, clear it, I will give it to you.

Thanks  
Rick Picardi  
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Thanks!

Do you have anything high level and pre-made that would cover both of those items? :-)

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Andy and Ross

OCIR, through Melanie Keller, asked that a fact sheet on the Basel plastic scrap amendments and OECD negotiations be updated. (IB didn't develop the original fact sheet so either OCIR or the OLEM IO developed it based on info we sent to the OLEM IO.) Lia and I updated the OCIR fact sheet. Please review attached fact sheet that has "updated fact sheet" in its filename. The other attachment is the original OCIR fact sheet if you're interested.

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Message

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**Sent:** 3/31/2021 1:36:01 PM  
**To:** Yohannes, Lia [Yohannes.Lia@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** FW: OLEM FY 22 Budget Hearing Fact Sheets  
**Attachments:** **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)** OLEM-8 OECD BASEL Scrap Waste(TM) FINAL

FYI

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**From:** Elliott, Ross <Elliott.Ross@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 31, 2021 7:46 AM  
**To:** Beasley, Lynn <Beasley.Lynn@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Picardi, Rick <Picardi.Rick@epa.gov>; Huggins, Richard <Huggins.Richard@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: OLEM FY 22 Budget Hearing Fact Sheets

Attached are revised budget hearing fact sheets using the templates you sent. One of the challenges with the timing here is we don't have much direction yet from the Administrator on certain issues.

Basel/OECD Plastic Scrap – this issue is currently being subsumed into a larger plastic issue but this should do. We deleted the Administrator talking point.

## Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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**From:** Beasley, Lynn <Beasley.Lynn@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 30, 2021 6:29 PM  
**To:** Elliott, Ross <Elliott.Ross@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: OLEM FY 22 Budget Hearing Fact Sheets

The template actually subtracts. You are limited to 1 page and there is a resource table in the middle. Attached are the templates that I will add your bullets too.

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**From:** Elliott, Ross <Elliott.Ross@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 30, 2021 6:24 PM

**To:** Beasley, Lynn <[Beasley.Lynn@epa.gov](mailto:Beasley.Lynn@epa.gov)>  
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I shared what you sent w/ Richard and Rick and am looking at them now. I assumed I could just make line edits to that...not sure what the template adds?

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**From:** Beasley, Lynn <[Beasley.Lynn@epa.gov](mailto:Beasley.Lynn@epa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 30, 2021 5:55 PM  
**To:** Elliott, Ross <[Elliott.Ross@epa.gov](mailto:Elliott.Ross@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: OLEM FY 22 Budget Hearing Fact Sheets

Would it help you if I put the existing fact sheets on the template and shared with you, Richard, and Rick?

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**From:** Beasley, Lynn <[Beasley.Lynn@epa.gov](mailto:Beasley.Lynn@epa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 30, 2021 5:36 PM  
**To:** Crossland, Andy <[Crossland.Andy@epa.gov](mailto:Crossland.Andy@epa.gov)>; Elliott, Ross <[Elliott.Ross@epa.gov](mailto:Elliott.Ross@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** FW: OLEM FY 22 Budget Hearing Fact Sheets  
**Importance:** High

Hi Ross – reminding you that I need these as soon as possible.

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**From:** Beasley, Lynn  
**Sent:** Monday, March 29, 2021 12:52 PM

**To:** OLEM ORCR DDS <OLEMORCRDDS@epa.gov>

**Cc:** Beasley, Lynn <Beasley.Lynn@epa.gov>; OLEM ORCR IO <OLEMORCRIO@epa.gov>

**Subject:** OLEM FY 22 Budget Hearing Fact Sheets

**Importance:** High

DDs/ADDs,

Please review your fact sheets, make any edits in track changes, and return to me by COB tomorrow (Tuesday 3/30/21). I have renamed the fact sheets to identify the Division that each belongs in. If I erred in the renaming, please let me know.

Below is guidance on the fact sheets to keep in mind as you edit. Hopefully, you won't have too many edits.

## Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

**Format Reminder:** Prepare the document using Microsoft Word. The font is Times New Roman 12-point, except for the footers, which are in 8-point. Use portrait page style with 1-inch margins. Eliminate this reminder in your submissions.

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## Appointment

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**CC:** Benjamin, Kent [Benjamin.Kent@epa.gov]; Manges, Ellen [Manges.Ellen@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Basel Ratification Briefing  
**Attachments:** Basel ratification\_presentation for OLEM DAA OD\_4.1.21.pptx; OLEM Briefing on Basel Ratification\_Agenda\_4.1.21.docx  
**Location:** Microsoft Teams Meeting  
**Start:** 4/5/2021 5:00:00 PM  
**End:** 4/5/2021 6:00:00 PM  
**Show Time As:** Busy

**Required Attendees:** Breen, Barry; Waterhouse, Carlton; Keller, Melanie; Carolyn Hoskinson; Sullivan, Greg; Carolyn Levine; Adhar, Radha; Richardson, RobinH; Crossland, Andy; Ross Elliott (Elliott.Ross@epa.gov); Rick Picardi (Picardi.Rick@epa.gov); Coughlan, Laura; Yohannes, Lia; Shaw, Nena; Villamizar, Nicole; Cochran, Kimberly; Krejcik, Krystal; Goldberg, Ruby; Brooks, Becky; Hilosky, Nick  
**Optional Attendees:** Benjamin, Kent; Manges, Ellen

**Purpose:** To provide the background on Basel Ratification, discuss the recent request for **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)** and the relation to the revised Recycling Strategy. This meeting will include OCIR and ORCR.

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## **Basel Ratification Briefing**

**April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**1:00-2:00 PM**

- 1) Kick off/Introduction** – (*Carolyn Hoskinson*), 3 minutes –
  - a. Brief OLEM IO on ratification of the Basel Convention and discuss next steps on request from Senate and how ratification relates to National Circular Economy Strategy
- 2) Overview of Basel Ratification** – (*Rick Picardi*), 25 minutes – ORCR will provide an overview of Basel Convention Ratification issues and history.

**Discussion** – All, 5 minutes

- a. *ORCR will answer questions from the OLEM IO about ratification.*

# **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

- 4) Basel Ratification and Circular Economy Strategy** - (*Kim Cochran*), 2 minutes – ORCR will briefly introduce the relationship between Basel Ratification and the draft Circular Economy Strategy. (This topic will be discussed in more detail at an April 6 OLEM meeting on the Strategy)

**Discussion** – All, 5 minutes

- a. *ORCR will answer any preliminary questions on Basel and the Strategy from OLEM senior management.*

- 5) Next Steps** (summary of all decisions/outcomes/follow up/action items) – (*Greg Sullivan*), 5 minutes

**ORCR Monthly Meeting**

**July 28, 2021**

**2:00 – 3:00 PM**

The goal of the meeting is to provide OLEM IO an opportunity to be updated or give timely input on evolving issues.

## **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

**2:10 – 2:15 Discussion** – All, 5 minutes

## **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

**2:25 – 2:30 Discussion** – All, 5 minutes

- 3) **2:30 – 2:35 Basel Ratification Update** – (Stephanie Adrian), 5 minutes – ORCR will provide an update on the status the draft Basel Bill and **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)** and preparation for the Administrator briefing.

**2:35 – 2:40 Discussion** – All, 5 minutes

## **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

**2:44 – 2:46 Discussion** – All, 2 minutes

- 5) **2:46 – 2:50 Update on Global Agreement on Plastics and SOS 2.0 Strategy**– (Kim Cochran), 4 minutes – ORCR will provide an informational update on global plastics/marine litter efforts in partnership with OITA. Seeking AA approval of our next steps on SOS 2.0 strategy development and outreach. (*Materials*)

**2:50 – 2:53 Discussion** – All, 3 minutes

## **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

- 7) **2:58 – 3:00 Wrap up** – (Greg Sullivan), 2 minutes – Quick recap of follow up items.